

BOOK NOTICES

Books from the Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation

GAVIN D.R. BRIDSON, JAMES J. WHITE, and LUGENE B. BRUNO. 2003. **American Botanical Prints of Two Centuries.** (ISBN 0-913196-75-4, pbk.) Hunt Institute of Botanical Documentation, 5th Floor, Hunt Library, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA 15213, U.S.A. (Orders: 412-268-2434; 412-268-5677 fax; email: huntinst@andrew.cmu.edu; huntbot.andrew.cmu.edu). \$25.00, 239 pp., 114 figs (106 color). Pictorial stiff paper cover, 8" × 10 1/2".

Two centuries of botanical prints is a wide range to cover in so short a book, but this task is managed quite well in *American Botanical Prints of Two Centuries*. Starting with the 19th century, the authors take us through a period of utilitarian prints designed for the sole purpose of botanical research. We see the evolution of the botanical print as one of necessity to one of art.

As technology improved, artists were free to elaborate and put their own personal touch on a piece. Starting with the 20th century, we begin to see the effects of light and color. We see more stylized works, things we would want to hang on the wall.

American Botanical Prints of Two Centuries is laid out very well. There is no table of contents, but there is a very well-organized catalogue of prints including biographical information on the artists on pages 150-195.

It is impossible to merely glance at the prints displayed in this book. Every picture is a work of art, even the utilitarian prints. Who knew a cluster of walnuts could be so enjoyable and beautiful to look at—*Abra Alexander, Botanical Research Institute of Texas, 509 Pecan Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102-4060, U.S.A.*

GAVIN D.R. BRIDSON (Compiler), SCARLETT T. TOWNSEND, ELIZABETH A. POLEN, and ELIZABETH R. SMITH (eds.). 2004. **BPH-2. Periodicals with Botanical Content: Constituting a Second Edition of Botanic-Periodicum Huntianum (Volume 1 A-M, Volume 2 N-Z).** (ISBN 0-913196-78-9, pbk.) Hunt Institute of Botanical Documentation, 5th Floor, Hunt Library, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA 15213, U.S.A. (Orders: 412-268-2434; 412-268-5677 fax; email: huntinst@andrew.cmu.edu; huntbot.andrew.cmu.edu). \$130.00 (2 vol. set), 1470 pp., 8 1/2" × 11".

Congratulations to the team at the Hunt Institute of Botanical Documentation for a second edition of *Botanic-Periodicum-Huntianum* or *BPH-2*. From an editor who has already used the second edition, here is a big thank you for an incredible job. The first edition of *BPH* was published in 1968 and recorded periodicals published down to the end of 1967. In 1991, *B-P-H/S (Botanic-Periodicum-Huntianum/Supplementum)* was published. With *B-P-H/S*, the number of titles jumped to over 25,000 from the 12,000 recorded in the first edition. Now the new edition adds even more titles bringing the total to over 33,000, about 21,000 additional titles since 1967. "*BPH-2* is a fairly, but not wholly, comprehensive listing by title of periodicals from 1665 to 2000 that regularly contain (or, in some period of their history, included) articles dealing with the plant sciences, their history and bibliography." Good job thou good and faithful servants!—*Barney Lipscomb, Botanical Research Institute of Texas, 509 Pecan Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102-4060, U.S.A.*